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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of this draft Joint EIS/EIR for review should immediately contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Carlsbad Field Office at the above referenced address, or by telephone at (619) 431-9440. Individuals wishing to review the SKR Long-term HCP and IA should immediately contact the RCHCA at (909) 275-1100. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Thursday) at the RCHCA, 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, California 92501. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday) at the Service's Office at the above referenced address and telephone. Documents will also be available for public inspection at numerous libraries throughout the planning area. The location of specific libraries having copies can be obtained by contacting the Service at the above number. Copies of the draft EIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process and to all others who have already requested copies.

##### Background

The Service listed the SKR as an endangered species, effective October 31, 1988 (53 FR 38485). Because of its listing as an endangered species, the SKR is protected by the Act's prohibition against "take", that is, no one may harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect the species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). The Service, however, may issue permits to conduct activities involving endangered species under certain circumstances, including carrying out scientific purposes, enhancing the propagation or survival of the species, or incidentally taking the species in connection with otherwise lawful activities.

The RCHCA presently has a short-term 10(a)(1)(B) permit (PRT-739678) from the Service to incidentally take SKRs in connection with various proposed public and private projects in the western portion of Riverside County. Under the program established through this interim permit, SKR habitat in public and private ownership is being acquired and managed for the long-term benefit of the species. Acquisition of private lands is funded in part from

mitigation fees collected by the RCHCA as developments proceed.

As intended when the interim permit was granted in August 1990, the RCHCA is applying to the Service for a 30-year incidental take permit for the same purposes. The area covered by the proposed 30-year permit will include much of the historical range of the SKR in Riverside County. The procedures for the RCHCA to incidentally take SKRs under the proposed 30-year permit are evaluated in the EIS/EIR.

This draft Joint EIS/EIR has been developed cooperatively by the Service's Carlsbad Field Office (lead agency for the draft EIS), the RCHCA, and California Department of Fish and Game.

In the development of this draft Joint EIS/EIR, the Service has initiated action to assure compliance with the purpose and intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended. Scoping activities were undertaken preparatory to developing the draft EIS with a variety of Federal, State, and local entities. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1993.

The RCHCA's preparation of the long-term HCP has been on-going since the short-term permit was authorized. In March 1993 the Service and the RCHCA initiated a joint scoping process for the preparation of a joint EIS/EIR in anticipation of the Service receiving a permit application for a 30-year Section 10(a) permit for incidental take of SKR. The scoping process was initiated in accordance with NEPA to solicit comments on issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. Because of the extended 2-year scoping process, a draft Scoping Report was prepared to update public knowledge of the scoping process. That report summarizes the 2-year scoping process, identifies the scoping issues raised by interested parties at public meetings and in written statements, and outlines the issues and alternatives that will be addressed in the draft EIS/EIR. The availability of the draft Scoping Report was published in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1995.

Key issues addressed in this draft EIS/EIR are identified as the effects that implementation of various alternatives would have upon: (1) The endangered SKR; (2) other wildlife and their habitats; (3) land uses and general plans; (4) provision of public facilities, services and utilities; and (5) social and economic conditions.

More than 10 alternatives were considered before limiting the alternatives to be advanced for further study. Ultimately, 4 alternatives were

selected for detailed analysis: (1) Proposed Action/Project (approve and implement the Long-term SKR HCP); (2) Expanded Conservation/Protection (conserve more SKR habitat); (3) Existing Reserves/Public Lands (focus on SKR habitat already protected); and (4) a No Project/No Action Alternative (assume no regional program). The Service will identify its preferred alternative and environmentally preferable alternative as defined in the NEPA in the final EIS/EIR.

Each alternative was evaluated in terms of its potential to result in significant adverse impacts, and the adequacy or inadequacy of the proposed measures to avoid, minimize, and substantially lessen the effects.

Dated: July 27, 1995.

**David L. McMullen,**

*Acting Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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#### Bureau of Land Management

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##### Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) and 22(j) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Tozitna, Limited for approximately 330 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Tanana, Alaska, within T. 4 N., R. 22 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960.

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until September 5, 1995 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart

E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**Elizabeth Sherwood,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of Northern Adjudication.*

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[NV-030-5700-10; Closure Notice No. NV-030-95-05]

### **Temporary Closure of Public Lands; Washoe County, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** The Carson City District Manager announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under his administration. This action is being taken to provide for public safety during the 1995 Reno National Championship Air Races.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** September 11 through September 17, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James M. Phillips, Lahontan Resource Area Manager, Carson City District Office, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0638. Telephone (702) 855-6100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This closure applies to all the public, on foot or in vehicles. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

#### **Mt. Diablo Meridian**

T.21 N., R. 19 E.

Sec. 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Aggregating approximately 680 acres.

The above restrictions do not apply to emergency or law enforcement personnel or event officials. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

A map of the closed area is posted in the Carson City District Office of Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: July 25, 1995.

**James M. Phillips,**

*Area Manager, Lahontan Resource Area.*

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[WY-030-05-1310-01]

### **Notice of Availability of Greater Wamsutter Area II Natural Gas Project Final Environmental Impact Statement**

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the

availability of the Greater Wamsutter Area II (GWA II) Natural Gas Project Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzing the environmental consequences of a proposed natural gas exploration, development, and production operation in the Wamsutter Area II of southwestern Carbon and southeastern Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming. The project area encompasses approximately 334,919 acres within portions of Townships 16 through 22 North, Ranges 92 through 95 West.

**DATES:** Comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted for 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The EPA notice is expected to be published on August 4, 1995. There are no plans to hold a public meeting on the Greater Wamsutter Area II Natural Gas Project. Reviewers are encouraged to visit the local BLM offices in Cheyenne and Rawlins to talk with the managers about any concerns.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to Mr. John Spehar, Great Divide Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 880, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Spehar, Great Divide Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 880, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301, phone 307-324-4841.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final Environmental Impact Statement analyzes three project development alternatives and a no action alternative. The proposed project provides a maximum development of 750 wells and 300 locations within the GWA II analysis area in addition to existing operations.

The proposed project would affect 2,416 acres, bringing the total disturbance area within the GWA II area to 14,943 acres of land. The proposed project entails drilling, completion testing, production, abandonment, and reclamation of natural gas operations by Union Pacific Resources Company, Amoco Production Company, and others. Impacts to most resources would be negligible to moderate during the life of the project. The proposed project would have beneficial impacts associated with increased revenues generated by taxes, royalties, and the use of local goods and services. This Final Environmental Impact Statement is in compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (as amended) and includes a Biological Assessment for the purpose of identifying any

endangered or threatened species which are likely to be affected by the proposed action.

Dated: July 24, 1995.

**Alan Kesterke,**

*Acting State Director.*

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### **National Park Service**

#### **Notice of Availability of the Final General Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Oregon**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/FEIS) that describes and analyzes a proposal and three alternatives to meet immediate and long-term needs at Fort Clatsop National Memorial; these alternatives address visitor use and the preservation of the natural and cultural resources that provide the environment in which the Lewis and Clark story is presented to the public.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/DEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on 3 November 1993 (58 FR 211), with the public comment period to close on 7 January 1994; responding to a request that additional time be provided for review and comment, the review period was extended until 7 February 1994 through notices in the local media and the 5 January 1994 issue of the **Federal Register** (59 FR 3). During this comment period, three public meetings were held and written comments were also received. The GMP/FEIS contains responses to the comments received and modifications to the document as needed in response to the comments.

The proposal, which was developed in response to public and agency comments on the GMP/DEIS, calls for: (1) Establishment of a trail between the Fort and the Pacific Ocean; (2) addition of approximately 963 acres to the Memorial's boundary; (3) coordination of interpretive activities with other public and private entities throughout the lower Columbia River region; and (4) increasing the Memorial's staffing levels.

Three alternatives were considered, in addition to the proposal. The No-Action Alternative would maintain the existing